



## Transition Planning Commission

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### Transition Planning Commission Hosts Listening Sessions

Two listening sessions, one in Memphis and another in Germantown, will be conducted next week by the Transition Planning Commission for the new Shelby County School system.

Both sessions will be held January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. The Germantown event will be at Houston High School, 9755 Wolf River Blvd. The Memphis session will be conducted at Mississippi Blvd Christian Church, Midtown Campus, 70 North Bellevue.

**“It’s vital we hear directly from citizens throughout Shelby County. Their hopes and fears will help guide our discussions for the school merger plan,”** said Commission Chair, Dr. Barbara Prescott.

The 21-member Transition Planning Commission was mandated by the State of Tennessee last October after an election called for the merger of the Memphis City and Shelby County public school systems.

The commission will take an in-depth look at several aspects of how the new merged school system will operate:

- Administrative Structure and Governance
- Education Services and Curriculum
- Personnel and Pension Issues for Teachers and Non-Teaching Staff
- Essential Services-Transportation, Security, Nutrition and Information Technology

The Transition Planning Commission’s final report will be submitted to the Tennessee Department of Education by the summer of 2012. It will then be accepted, amended or revised next fall by the 23-member Shelby County School Board.

The new school system will begin joint operations starting with the 2013-2014 school year. To learn more about Transition Planning Commission and its progress, go to [www.shelbycountyttn.gov](http://www.shelbycountyttn.gov) and click on “Transition Planning Commission.”

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